

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Student & Educator Support

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved independent school which operated under the name of Bennington Regional Day Program in Bennington, VT, closed on June 18, 2010, and is no longer an approved independent school in Vermont?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved independent school which operated under the name of Bennington Regional Day Program in Bennington, VT, closed on June 18, 2010, and is no longer an approved independent school in Vermont.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Title 16 V.S.A. §166(b)  
SBE Rule 2229 et. seq.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Bennington Regional Day Program was a part of the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The program served deaf and hard of hearing students in grades K-8. The Bennington Regional Day Program was last approved by the State Board of Education on May 15, 2007.
2. The Independent School Office was notified in writing that Bennington Regional Day Program would be closing on Friday, June 18, 2010.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:** None

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**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved independent school which operated under the name of Northern Vermont Regional Program in St. Albans VT, closed on June 11 2010, and is no longer an approved independent school in Vermont?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved independent school which operated under the name of Northern Vermont Regional Program in St. Albans VT, closed on June 11 2010, and is no longer an approved independent school in Vermont.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Title 16 V.S.A. §166(b)  
SBE Rule 2229 et. seq.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Northern Vermont Regional Program was a part of the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The program served deaf and hard of hearing students in grades pre-K-8. The Northern Vermont Regional Program was last approved by the State Board of Education on August 18, 2009.
2. The Independent School Office was notified in writing that Northern Vermont Regional Program would be closing on Friday, June 11, 2010.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:** None

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**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved independent school which operated under the name of St. Joseph School in Burlington, VT, closed on June 4, 2010, and is no longer an approved independent school in Vermont?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved independent school which operated under the name of St. Joseph School in Burlington, VT, closed on June 4, 2010, and is no longer an approved independent school in Vermont.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Title 16 V.S.A. §166(b)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. St. Joseph School was a private, Catholic school, educating students in grades preK-8. St. Joseph School was continuously approved by the State Board of Education since approved independent school regulations were established prior to 1970.
2. The Independent School Office was notified in writing that St. Joseph School would be closing on Friday, June 4, 2010.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:** None

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**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education grant an amendment to enable The Stevens School in Peacham, VT, to serve students in the second grade?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the State Board of Education grants an amendment to enable The Stevens School in Peacham, VT, to serve students in the second grade. This approval will coincide with the school's current approval period.

Approval is subject to the condition that the school immediately report to the Department of Education whenever any changes occur in enrollment, programs, policies, facilities, financial capacity, staffing, or administration during the approval period.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Title 16 V.S.A. §166(b)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. The Stevens School is an independent day school serving students in grades three through eight. General education approval was last granted by the State Board of Education on October 18, 2005 through June 30, 2010. The Stevens School is seeking to add the second grade for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. The Stevens School will utilize the current facility; and the students will be located in their own room with a bathroom and a fire exit and a second door for entrance and egress. The building meets all state and federal health and safety regulations and is adequate to meet the needs of the students.
3. A minimum course of study for the second grade was submitted and adequately addresses the minimum course of study as prescribed in 16 V.S.A. §906. The second grade curriculum was designed around National Standards, the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities, and the Vermont/NECAP Grade Level Expectations.
4. Students will be taught in a 2/3/4 configuration. The class for the upcoming school year will consist of two, second grade students, two, third grade students, and one, fourth grade student. The Stevens School will utilize their current third grade teacher to teach this grade configuration. This teacher is qualified by academic preparation and experience to teach elementary education.

5. The Stevens School is a candidate for accreditation through the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C). The accreditation visit for the school is scheduled for the spring of 2011.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:** None

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